

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
North Coast Region

Resolution No. R1-2003-0105
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Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements
For
Land Application of Biosolids
From
The Westport County Water District
Wastewater Treatment Facility

Mendocino County

WHEREAS,

On July 10, 2003, the Regional Water Board received a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD) from the Westport County Water District which proposes to discharge municipal sewage sludge (biosolids) from its Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) through a one-time soil amendment project; and

WHEREAS,

This project involves the removal of an estimated 240 cubic yards of dried biosolids from the WWTF's two aeration basins. The removed biosolids will be incorporated into adjacent pastureland over a two-year period in two discrete applications. The biosolids will be applied at agronomic rates, and the pastureland will be seeded with a cover crop to prevent erosion and sediment runoff into waters of the State; and

WHEREAS,

The Westport County Water District has provided technical information that the biosolids meet vector attraction reduction and pollutant ceiling concentration limits for metals specified in Section 40, Part 503, of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), and meet Class B specifications for pathogen reduction specified in 40 CFR 503.32(b); and

WHEREAS,

The Westport County Water District has provided documentation that the discharge will meet the site restrictions specified in 40 CFR 503.32(b) regarding harvesting of crops and turf, grazing of animals, and public access on sites where Class B biosolids are applied; and

WHEREAS,

On August 5, 2003, the Westport County Water District filed a Notice of Exemption for the Biosolids Disposal Project, a copy of which is attached hereto, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15000 et seq.). The Westport County Water District has determined that the Project is exempt from CEQA under CEQA

Guidelines section 15304 as a minor public or private alteration in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation. Copies of the proposed Notice of Exemption were transmitted to all agencies and persons known to be interested in this matter according to the applicable provisions of CEQA; and

WHEREAS, The Regional Water Board, after independent review, approves the determination that this Project is exempt from CEQA under section 15304; and

WHEREAS, The Regional Water Board conducted a public hearing on September 24, 2003, in Santa Rosa, California, and considered all evidence concerning this matter.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Regional Water Board, based on the aforementioned hearing, finds that a Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for the one-time land application of biosolids by the Westport County Water District would not be against the public interest provided that the Discharger is in compliance with the following:

- (a) The discharge shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Water Quality Control Plan for the North Coast Region;
- (b) the discharge shall comply with the conditions for this Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements as set forth herein, and discharge only in accordance with the ROWD;
- (c) the discharge shall not create a pollution, contamination, or nuisance, as defined by California Water Code Section 13050;
- (d) the Westport County Water District shall allow Regional Water Board staff reasonable access onto the affected property for the purpose of performing an inspection to determine compliance with waiver conditions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Regional Water Board, based on the aforementioned review of technical information regarding the waiver, testimony received at the aforementioned hearing, and the attached Notice of Exemption determines that the adoption of the Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for this discharge is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15304.

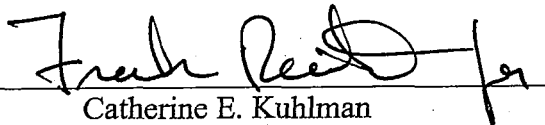
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the discharge of any waste not specifically regulated by the Waiver described herein is not authorized by this Waiver.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements shall expire on September 24, 2006.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this action waiving the issuance of Waste Discharge Requirements for the one-time land application of biosolids by the Westport County Water District; (a) is conditional, (b) may be terminated at any time, (c) does not permit an illegal activity, (d) does not preclude the need for permits which may be required by other local or governmental agencies, and (e) does not preclude the Regional Water Board from administering enforcement remedies (including civil penalties) pursuant to the California Water Code.

Certification:

I, Catherine E. Kuhlman, Executive Officer do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region, on September 24, 2003.


Catherine E. Kuhlman
Executive Officer

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